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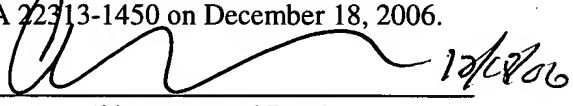
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 2006, Applicant, through his undersigned Counsel, hereby submits the following remarks:

The examiner rejected Pending Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based upon Carmichael U.S. Patent No. 6,126,662. The examiner stated: